

APPROVED MINUTES
RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING
March 13, 2014
held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Chief Steve Hall, Member Asst. Dir, RIDEM, Larry Mouradjian, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel , RIPC Daniel Coster, RIDEM, Div. of Coastal Resources Joanne Scorpio, Secretary RIPC Tom Sullivan, Moran Shipping Agencies, Inc. Craig Ibbotson, Moran Shipping Agencies, Inc. Hank Nelson, Goff and Page Shipping Len Ariagno, Mass. Pilot Commission, Dst. 4 Ed LeBlanc, USCG Capt. Sean Bogus, Northeast Marine Pilots Capt. Dale Harper, Northeast Marine Pilots Capt. Adam Sanford, Northeast Marine Pilots

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Commissioners then reviewed the January, 2014 minutes. Member Chief Hall moved to approve the minutes; Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. The January minutes was approved by assent.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1) **State Pilot Board Report** – Chair McVay stated that he emailed the members a letter from the Pilot Board members to the Commission regarding the Board’s recommendation of Capt. Adam Sanford’s acceptance into the apprentice pilot program for Block Island Sound. Chair McVay introduced Capt. Sanford to the Commission and asked him to brief the members on his history and experience. Member Capt. Fritz then made a motion to approved Capt. Sanford into the apprentice program. Member Chief Hall seconded the motion. Voted 3-0 in favor.

Atty. Powers, officer of the court, administered the oath. A copy of Capt. Sanfords’s written oath and license will be filed with the Commission files.

2) **Regulation Review for Annual Public Hearing** – Atty. Powers distributed a copy of the revised proposed regulations that are ready for comment for the public hearing (April 3, 2014). The proposals are also available with the Secretary of State’s Office and DEM website. The Commissioners then discussed the modifications that were made.

Fatigue Regulations – Chair McVay stated that he sent out comments to the commissioners and also Mass. Commissioner Ariagno on the proposed fatigue regulations. Commissioner Len Ariagno read his comments on the proposals. (see copy of Commissioner Ariagono’s comments in commission files).

The commissioners and attendees continued to discuss the current fatigue regs.

3) **Communications Received** – Letter from the State Pilot Board to the Commission recommending Capt. Sanford to the apprentice pilot program.

4) **Pilot Roster Review** –

Apprentice pilot Capt. Sanford has now been added to the current roster.

Chair McVay advised that Capt. Lemke has not been medically cleared for work and that his federal pilot license may expire soon. Atty. Powers suggested that the Commission send Capt. Lemke a letter advising him of the expiration and what will be required of him if his license is not renewed on time.

Chair McVay introduced Capt. Dale Harper to the Commission who is a new recruit to the (probationary) apprentice program. He has gone through the interview process and has been tested on the simulator. He is currently being evaluated for an apprenticeship for Block Island Sound. Capt. Harper addressed the Commissioners and filled them in on his experience.

Chair McVay advised the members that Capt. Bogus will be in charge of the NEMP apprentice pilots. Capt. Bogus stated that there are currently 3 apprentice pilots in the program and he is trying to recruit more.

Capt. Maco has given his letter of resignation. He plans to retire from NEMP in October 2014. He did advise, however, that he would like to remain as a contract pilot.

III. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

V. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The RI Pilot Commission plans to hold the next regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the Division of Law Enforcement at DEM headquarters located at 235 Promenade Street, Rm. 300, Providence, RI on Thursday, April 3, 2014 starting approximately 9:30am. (The annual public hearing will follow April meeting).

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Member Chief Hall made a motion to adjourn; Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.